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Intelligence is the ability to think, not the capability to memorize.

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## ORGANIZED LABOR DESTROYS TRADITION

Organized labor is a standing challenge to tradition. As a protest, it sweeps aside the cobwebs of antiquity and points the road to improved social, economic and political methods. It can not too often be repeated that organized workers have lived in every forward movement.

The eight-hour day, for instance, is now accepted. Not a single person of standing in America will deny its value. It seems but yesterday, however, that those who first urged this cause were jailed, enjoined and denounced.

Every other advance has the same record of blind opposition by the defenders of stolidism.

From whose value were self-evident at the time were opposed because it was not—and is not today—considered "safe" to encourage workers by conceding their demands.

Workers should receive, but never take, says tradition. Under this system workers should consider themselves inferior. They must not acquire an independent mental attitude that should distinguish every American citizen.

Let no worker delude himself that tradition has profited by experience and that the right of labor to bargain collectively—to stand as equals with the employer—has been won.

The company "union" is statism's latest effort to continue the self ideal. Crude antagonisms of yesterday have been replaced by scientifically-devised schemes. With the company union, these include welfare plans, stock selling, "free" insurance and lessons on economics that uphold the anti-union employer.

"Educate" the worker, cries the anti-unionist, who would now control the worker's mind.

This silent educational process has replaced the militia, the clubber and the picket line. Books without number are being written on the new system and its value to anti-union employers who are striving to prevent employees acquire their economic viewpoint.

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The agents expressed the belief that the Sacco-Vanzetti case was a matter of justice where two human lives were involved in a movie, and has not answered the letter. The Boston office also has not answered the letter.

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Behind the assumed candor and simplicity of latter-day Fecklenstein looms the fact that employees are denied the right to select their own representatives. They must bargain with spokesmen the employer appoints.

There is but one answer to this policy. Eventually, tradition must yield, as it has before. But that time will automatically come, no more than did the eight-hour day, free school books, compensation statutes, safety laws, passing of the commodity era and a nation-wide opposition to child labor.

Regardless of its disguise, reaction must surrender its control of workers' lives. This control is backed by the most ancient traditions. The lines of this hoary concept must be broken along its entire front. The struggle must be waged on the most ancient long struggle to establish new viewpoints. It must continue to do so.

Tradition will yield to experience in proportion to the education and agitation of unions.

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## LABOR MUST COMBAT CONSCRIPTION PLAN

Washington, Sept. 15.—At the next congress, which convenes in many days, the bill will be made to pass a labor conscription act for war-time purpose.

This congress adjourns sine die on March 4, 1927. Members of congress elected this November will not take their oath of office until December 1927, 18 months after election. As the November election will result in many lame ducks, who will hold office until next March, these are called "short sessions" and are marked by attempts to secure the passage of vicious legislation.

It is favored by those members of congress who aspire to federal appointments after the proposed change from the law-making branch.

The proposal to conscript labor is called "war-time conscription of capital and labor."

The plan, of course, contemplates nothing of the kind. Profits of business will be regulated, as it has been found that rampant profiteering in war time tends to destroy the moral.

As in the last war, government boards, acting for the president, will set prices. This has no relation to the proposed conscription of labor that would give employees a military status, with wages and control of the industry to the government.

The business man, however, must be merely regulated, as are public utilities in peace time. The "reasonable" profits of business would not be interfered with.

WORLD DISARMAMENT DEFENSE HAS BEEN POSTPONED

New York, Sept. 15.—Cable dispatches from Geneva indicate that the preliminary meeting of the conference to arrange a disarmament program has failed.

The preliminary meeting is known as the League of Nations and Air Treaty Conference. America was represented by Secretary Hughes.

The conference was held in the city of Geneva, Switzerland, and was attended by representatives of the United States, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, and other nations.

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## TEXTILE INDUSTRY NEEDS BRAINS; POVERTY WAGES IS NO SOLUTION

Boston, Sept. 15.—Brains, not low wages and poverty, is what the textile industry needs, said C. W. Barron, financial authority, writing in the Boston News Bureau, to a Fitchburg textile manufacturer.

The latter protested against Mr. Barron's previous statement that textile managers are asleep and are guilty of bad management. These business men insist that low wages, long hours and more capital are the only remedies that can save them from bankruptcy.

"You must agree with me that brains are what is needed," said Mr. Barron. "Look at the Amoskeag mills. Are they in need of capital, with more than \$25,000,000 of government bonds in the treasury?"

"There are mills that have jumped the front, changed their machinery and output and found markets and profits."

"I believe that full employment can be had within our own country with full consumption, and I am not a great believer in foreign markets. The United States is becoming a land, and indeed a planet, unto itself."

FEDERAL BUS CONTROL URGED BY RAILROADS

New York, Sept. 15.—At an Interstate Commerce Commission hearing in this city, motor truck owners objected to being placed under control of the railroad by an act of congress. The railroad owners, however, insisted that the act was necessary.

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## PASSAIC STRIKERS IN REGULAR UNION

Passaic, N. J., Sept. 15.—In the largest demonstration since their strike started, textile workers in this city and vicinity celebrated their affiliation to the United Textile Workers of America.

More than 25,000 strikers took part in the demonstration. The strikers were accompanied by their families and friends.

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## STUBBORN EMPLOYERS SMASH PEACE CONFAB

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